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Study to shew thyself approved unto God . . .  
2 Tim. 2:15.

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## NOTICES...

My address has been changed from Cairo, Ga., to General Delivery, Newnan, Ga.—J. B. Weeks.

If there are any Church of God people, relatives, or friends in or around Dayton, Ohio, get in touch with Rev. H. L. Dillinger, 1005 Woodley Rd., Dayton, Ohio., Phone KE 1121.

I lost all my addresses on the way home from the Assembly. Anyone desiring to contact me may do so at 48 North St., Portland, Me.—Frances L. Dekle.

## Requests for Prayer

### PRAY FOR:

God to heal me and save my husband.—Roxie Newby, Whigham, Ga.

God to heal me of a tumor and a cancer; also to heal my husband.—Mrs. J. E. Stephens, Birmingham, Ala.

God to heal my afflicted body, and save my loved ones.—Mrs. Basil Smith, Magee, Miss.

God to save a friend from sin, and to heal my body.—Mrs. Annie Mills, Cleveland, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. Fred Stancel, Turnersville, Ga.

My mother who has had a stroke.—Emma Newman, Clem, Ga.

The healing of Mrs. A. R. Livingston and her son; also my body.—Mrs. Cora Fletcher, Ashboro, N. C.

God to heal me of a sickness I have had for some time; also my brother who has asthma.—A reader.

God to heal my body. Solomon Mally, Jensen, Fla.

The Lord to heal my eyes.—Mrs. B. H. Meeks, Carrollton, Ga.

John D. Leopard, Jr., who is twelve years old and has to stay in bed all the time. He has lung and sinus trouble.—W. P. Robertson, Waynesville, N. C.

God to heal my body or take me on to be with Him.—A sister in Christ.

The healing of my body, I am very sick.—Mrs. Cora Cline, Sabine, W. Va.

God to heal my father, he had a cerebral hemorrhage; also for the Lord to remove a great hindrance in my life, and for my home to become

a Christian one.—B. S. Palacios, 300 W. First St., La Abra, Calif.

For the healing of my body.—Mrs. Martin Smith, Cleveland, Tenn.

For a Sister who is very low.—Mrs. Arthur Starnes, Rochelle, Ill.

For my little niece who has never walked by herself; also her grandmother who had a stroke of paralysis.

—Inez Hodges, Draper, N. C.

An unspoken request which God knows all about.—Grace Grant.

That my boy will be saved and be able to return home from Germany.—Mrs. Cora Digmon, Pensacola, Fla.

God to take me through a very serious operation which I will have to undergo shortly.—Ida Manuel, Springfield, Mo.

That the Lord will heal me of heart trouble, I am bed-fast and need help; also for my baby who is sick.—Mrs. Lilly Hargis, Josephine, Mo.

A friend's little boy who was run over by a truck, suffering broken bones, internal injuries; also for my baby who is sick.—Mrs. Violet Long, W. Gastonia, N. C.

God to touch my body, I suffer terribly.—M. A. Tate, Beckley, W. Va.

My afflicted body, I don't know just what is wrong; also the healing of my husband's body, and an unspoken request.—Reba Irwin, Shelburn, Ind.

Mrs. Charles H. Gibson, Elsie, Ky., who has T. B.; Brother John Dingus, Harper, Ky; also my mother.—Mrs. Alex Clemous, Argas, Ky.

My nervous condition. The doctor says it will be sometime before I will regain my health, and I can't attend church.—Mrs. Iris Hester, Mebane, N. C.

My sight, I am almost blind; also Albert Greer to be healed of T. B.; my son in Germany to be saved.—Jessie Pilgrim, Edwardsville, Ala.

My daughter's salvation, my son-in-law's salvation, my husband who is

sick, and our support.—Sister Austin, Albany, Ga.

### A Joy To Live Good

WHITING, Ind.—Greetings in Jesus' name. I thank God for saving me, sanctifying and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost.

We find in Proverbs, 29th chapter, 18th verse, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Also, we find where the scales fell from Paul's eyes when Ananias put his hands on him. Saints of God, we need to tarry until we get a vision of what God would have us do.

I am a young Christian, but I love the church and its teachings. It is a joy for me to live a good, clean life.

God has given me a vision of church here in this town. I ask every one who reads this to pray for God's will to be done.

Anyone living close to me, write me or come to visit me.—Oval Milligan, 1520—121st St.

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# Tell It to the Generation Following

(This address was delivered by Dr. L. R. Marston, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D., at the National Sunday School Convention, Chicago, October 3.)

## 1. WHAT IS EDUCATION?

My fifth-grade son had been learning a bit of verse for his English class, and I heard him droning these lines:

*"Suppose the world were still too young*

*Men had not thought of books;*

*Suppose there were no libraries,*

*No cozy reading nooks;*

*Suppose— it is too horrible*

*To think it might be true:*

*On rainy days or wintry nights*

*What would a fellow do?"*

In some small way these lines express the importance, to a child, of the experiences of the race stored in books for the benefit and enjoyment of the individual. An empty world, indeed, were there no books for "rainy days and wintry nights."

But far greater would be the tragedy if the human race should suddenly lose every trace of the past recorded on memory's page through learning. Graham Wallas, in "Our Social Heritage," speculates on what would happen to civilization if a comet should so strike the earth that every human being would instantly lose all knowledge and all habits acquired from past generations, while retaining full powers of mind—memory, reason, inventiveness, and the like. Wallas predicts these consequences:

"In thirty days, nine-tenths of the inhabitants of our larger cities, such as London, New York and Chicago, would be dead;

"In six months, ninety-nine per cent of the remainder would perish;

"There would be no language to express thought, and consequently thought itself would be sketchy and blurred;

"Survivors would wander about, following the inarticulate cries of the more dominant, drowning in rivers in the attempt to slake thirst, dying from decayed food looted from abandoned shops; and finally a few would hit upon cannibalism as an answer to hunger's call;

"Within a few years, man would almost entirely vanish from northern and temperate regions; the white race would perish and only a few of southern races would survive in the tropics to begin again the slow pace

toward a new civilization;

"After thousands of years would appear the rudiments of a new social heritage with a crude language, simple practices of animal husbandry, the rudiments of agriculture, and the like."

Whether or not Wallas is correct in details, he is right in his essential point: *man's tremendous dependence upon learning from the past.*

Contrast with this catastrophe to the human race should it lose all learning from the past, the results to ape society should the apes of the jungle suddenly forget all they have learned from their forbears. In this latter case, nothing whatever of significance to ape welfare would happen!

Why the difference? The orders of creatures below man start anew each generation, but man stands upon the shoulders of his ancestors, supreme as a creature of learning.

And because man is a creature of learning and habit rather than of blind instinct and unchanging reflex, he has a prolonged infancy in which to master the essential habits and ideals of the race. This long period of human helplessness and immaturity is not a prodigal waste of time. The slow development of the child is rather nature's great investment in the human race and God's wise providence in human history.

Someone has drawn the contrast between man and brute at this point by facetiously observing that whereas it requires twenty years for a boy to become a man, five years for a colt to become a horse, three years for a calf to become a cow, one year for a pup to become a dog, nine months for a pig to become a hog,—a chicken becomes a rooster and enters the ministry in eight weeks!

What is education? It is the changing of human nature through experience. You have heard that experience is the best teacher. But it is the only teacher! Only those become educated who are changed by their experiences. We do not send our household pets and farm animals to school—they could not profit from schooling sufficiently to make it pay because their learning capacity is so meager. They

are born pretty well prepared for the simple lives they must live. Nature has done for them at birth, in adjusting them by instinct and reflex to their simple environment, what long years of learning by living and study must do in preparing man for the complex human sphere.

This is not our handicap, then, but our great advantage. Some may not see it so. Walt Whitman evidently did not see it so. He wrote these lines and called them poetry:

*"I think I could return and live with animals; they are so placid and self-contained*

*I stand and look at them long and long.*

*They do not sweat and whine about their condition;*

*They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins;*

*They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God;*

*Not one is dissatisfied— . . . "*

But, thank God for a divine discontent! Thank God you are human and lie awake in the dark, weeping for your sins!

For us human beings, education is not a matter of choice, but of necessity. It is not ours to choose to be or not to be educated, to educate or not to educate our children; for all experience educates. It is only ours to choose, within limits, what changes we and our children shall undergo, what experiences will come to us and how they will affect us. But this limited choice is a responsibility of greatest importance.

To clarify our definition of education as changing human nature through experience, two types of education must be distinguished. In one, the church, school, or other organized agency, engaged in the business of changing human nature, purposely selects, controls, and directs the child's experiences to accomplish certain ends or aims desired by the educational agency. Our elementary and high schools, our state normals, technical institutes and universities, the Christian schools and colleges which dot our land—all have been established and are maintained for the purpose

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# BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR

"American Education Week is sponsored by the National Education Association, the American Legion, the United States Office of Education, and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, with the cooperation of lay and religious groups. The observance was first celebrated in 1921. It grew out of conditions revealed by the draft of World War I, showing that about one-fourth of those called to serve their country were physically unfit, and an equal number were illiterate.

"The purpose of American Education Week is to call the attention of the public once each year to the vital role of education in the life of our democracy. The national sponsors of American Education Week likewise recognize the fundamental place of religion in human affairs and consequently stress the observance of American Education Week Sunday. They seek the cooperation of all religious groups in making this observance of great significance."

At our last Bishops' Council, the following measure was passed:

"That the Church of God in general make special observance of American Education Week, said observance to be for the promotion of the financial and educational interest of the Bible Training School and College. That the financial drives of said week be conducted on the basis of freewill offerings. That the program for this week shall be outlined and sponsored by our Youth Program Committee, in cooperation with the general and state officials of the Church, and that this be included in the contest for the National Y. P. E. Banner.

The Church of God Bible Training School and College—your school—joins in sponsoring American Education Week, and Rev. E. L. Simmons, its President, has prepared daily topics for the entire week. See the program in the November issue of the *Lighted Pathway*, page 13.

Ralph E. Williams, National Youth Director, has a special program for your convenience, which appears on page 8 of this issue.

May the Lord bless and help you in your services, and remember, a nice offering to the worthy students of B. T. S. and College is indeed a noble undertaking.

## NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY TO BE OBSERVED IN NOVEMBER

NEW YORK—National Youth Sunday will be held throughout the country November 10, it was announced here by the Christian Youth Campaign of America, Protestant evangelistic movement.

Theme of the 1946 observance will be "Parents, Youth, and the Home," according to the Rev. Lloyd T. Bryant, director. First launched in 1943 to combat the rise of juvenile delinquency, National Youth Sunday, he said, is designed to emphasize that "the cause of much of our crime among young people can be traced to the conditions of America's homes and to the negligence of many parents."

Christian Youth Campaign, Mr. Bryant explained, is an independent organization unaffiliated with any particular fundamentalist or evangelistic groups.

Officials of the movement include Dr. Will H. Houghton, president, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; John Binns, president, Christian Business Men's Committee; the Rev. W. Wyeth Willard, vice-president, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; the Rev. Vance Havner, evangelist; Dr. Walter Wilson, president, Kansas City Bible College; and James E. Bennett, New York lawyer.—RNS.

## Representative of NAE Now In Europe

Dr. J. Elwin Wright, Executive Secretary, immediately returned from a Board of Directors' meeting in Chicago to join Mr. John Bolten, of Lawrence, Mass., in flying to Europe October 5 in the interest of NAE work on the continent. During the five weeks of their stay, they will be meeting leaders in England, Scotland, France, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, and Germany. A part of their mission

will be to prepare the way for the shipment of considerable quantities of literature to the schools in Germany.

Doctor Wright gave a most interesting report of the development of progress of NAE. We received this time the largest number of members ever received at any one Board meeting; approximately 243,000.

## The National Youth Congress By Harry Hatcher

The most spectacular beginning in the history of the Church took place Tuesday and Wednesday, August 27, 28, 1946, at the 41st Annual Assembly of the Church of God in Birmingham, Alabama.

If "beginnings" can be judged by number, the Church need have no fear about the future of her infant organization, The National Youth Congress. Even if there had been only a tenth of the number present for the Congress, the most pessimistic could have predicted success. Numbers, however, while impressive, are not the important criteria of success; neither is an initial success a guarantee of continued success. The National Youth Congress was both. It was impressive. Men talked about it; compared it with the Assembly proper; praised its leadership, its proper; (Continued on page 11)

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# Prepare To Meet Thy God

By D. McLuhan

Today we plan for this and prepare for that. Possibly there is more planning and preparation for varied events than in history. We do more entertaining and visiting. We have time for all the gossip of the town and time for parties and social engagements; but how much preparation do we make for the greatest event of all ages? We are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb; that is, all who are redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. Yet, how many of us scarcely allow it to pass through our thoughts? How many minutes have we spent today thinking about the rapture of the Church? Remember, the Lord says, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation," Heb. 9:28. Do we really, from the heart, look for His coming?

When we are looking forward to a wedding, at first we look at the calendar, and keep very close tab on the days; later, the clock takes our attention, as we count the hours, then the minutes. The enthusiasm of the moment grips our hearts, and grows, and grows. So should the coming of the Lord grip our very beings as we watch closely every signpost as it flies by. We should examine ourselves very closely to see if we are really ready.

Amos 4:12, "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." We all know that preparation means to make ready. Let us take inventory and find out if we have the necessary requirements. Eph. 5:27, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Many times I have been asked the question, "Is it possible to live in a vile, filthy world like we have today, and yet keep our garments out of the muck and mire of those that throng about us?" Yes, I firmly believe that it is possible, but only in one way—we must ask God to protect us from the evils of the day at its very beginning. You remember the story of

the three monkeys, "Think no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil." Well, I believe if we see that these three gates are well guarded by prayer throughout the day we can keep ourselves from contamination with the filth and sin of this world. If necessary, during times of trial or test repeat this prayer.

God is the only one who can keep us right. Eph. 5:3-6, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

Do you know, I am persuaded we have spent too much time in "gossip circles"; too much time with jokes and trivialities which satisfy the world. We have become fickle, shallow Christians, and by trying to shake hands with the world, our garments have become wrinkled and soiled. I don't believe a Christian should go around with a long face. No. The Bible says a Christian should rejoice; but how? In the world? No. Paul says to "rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice." Our rejoicing should be in the Lord.

I have attended young people's gatherings of various denominations. The evening has been whiled away with "postman knock" or foolish jokes, no prayer, no Bible reading. I have gone away feeling the time was wasted; my spirit grieved, feeling I had partaken of things I ought not. I felt robbed of my spirituality, and hungry for fellowship on a higher plane. If we want a revival; if we want the Church to be ready for Jesus when He comes, without spot or wrinkle; we must come to God's terms and let the foolish talk go. Christ said, "Be ye holy even as I am holy."

Can you picture Christ sharing the modern, course, and even vulgar jokes of the day? I can't. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," 2 Cor. 6:17.

I believe this very thing causes the lightness and frivolity among the youth of our land, eventually robbing them of their delight for the Word of God and prayer. It is the cause of a great deal of the backsliding we see in churches today. Now, don't think I am a crank. God has blessed me with a sense of humor that has caused me to ride over many storms. I am speaking about worldly jokes.

The Psalmist said, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart," Ps. 37:4. Is it your desire to meet the Lord? Then delight yourself in Him. If you want to be granted a request from Mother or Dad, tell them how much you love them. My younger sister learned this secret long before I did, and she got what she wanted. I was never very demonstrative, and I reasoned; "If mother and dad have it to give, they will give it to me." I learned that I came off shorter than my sister. If you desire something from God, and want it very badly, it seems you should tell Him how much you love Him, and really mean it.

Matt. 24:44, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." We read again that He is coming in the twinkling of an eye, as a lightning flash. If we aren't ready then, there won't be time to prepare. I have been persuaded in my own heart that there are going to be many disappointed when the Lord comes. There will be many sad and broken hearts—those who thought they were ready, but there were rents and dirt on their garments, something yet unconfessed, some grudge that perhaps no one else knew about, some harsh word unremedied. I believe with all my heart we must be so pure in heart that even God's all-seeing eye can't find a flaw.

The only way to have that kind of life is to have an up-to-date prayer life. Anybody can hold a grudge, but

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# Foreign Missions . . .

J. Stewart Brinsfield

## Definitely Making Progress In Central America

Quiche, Guatemala  
Central America

Dear Brother Brinsfield:

. . . I have not been idle. On the contrary I have found much to do.

Last month we went to the mountains, although the bad weather and the impassable roads made it impossible for us to go as far as we had planned. However, the believers gathered from all the accessible places, and we had a regular conference. I took my flannel-board stories along and held children's classes and Bible classes each day. I found that the men and women were as interested in the children's classes as the children were. In fact, I had to ask them to vacate all the front benches so the children could see and hear something.

The last night, an Indian couple from the Coban tribe was married. They had been saved only a short time, but had decided to fix up their lives. It did me a world of good to see them all up there. There were many new faces, because this work has really grown since the last time I was here. I especially noticed a large, tough-looking man who walked into the church. I thought to myself that he must be a dangerous character, and asked one of our workers about him. To my surprise, Gorje said proudly, "Why that man is the secretary and treasurer of all our work in the Sierra!" Then I glanced over to the door. There stood Vitalino, a huge man with no front teeth except two which resembled tusks. He had a personal evangelism notebook under one arm and a Bible under the other and when he said, "Amen," it sounded like a bellow. This man was one of the worst characters in the Sierra. In fact, he boasted before he was saved that all he had to do to make most preachers forget their sermon was to appear in the chapel door. It was true, too! I saw a humble Indian brother sitting cross-legged on the floor talking to Daddy. He, Dad informed me, had placed himself in the path of a tiger to save

two other men one night. The tiger did not harm him, and the other two men were saved. On my right, a group of young people were playing their guitars and singing lustily. It must have been 2 a. m. before they went to bed on the floor. They had hiked all day to be there.

We have been placing a great deal of emphasis on work among our young people. Gorje, the young man in charge of the work in the Sierra, was especially elated when he arrived. He informed me that they had just organized four new youth groups up in the mountains. Furthermore, he informed me, these young people want a rally in a town called Chicaman. Then he produced four sheets of paper on which he had marked all the donations the people had given toward holding their rally. Some gave corn, others sugar, etc. It may not sound so wonderful to people at home, but one has to see the conditions in which these people live to appreciate the spirit they showed in this giving. It was like music to my ears. Gorje was happy, too, and we made plans right then and there for an extensive campaign, taking us farther inland than we have ever been, over new territory, and I'm just waiting for Luther to get here to go. You see, Dad just can't leave all this part for that long and it wouldn't be exactly the most proper thing in the world for me to go alone.

This is right now the most promising territory in our work, if I may put it that way. It leads right up to Coban and Peten, but it is pure jungle and hard traveling. We have an awful lot to do, and there aren't many to help do it. The Methodists have just decided that this field is very promising, too. They merely have nine American missionaries for this district and have already established their school right here in Quiche. Furthermore, that territory up there has been worked exclusively for years by Dad and our workers. It looks as though we are going to have stiff competition.

I forgot to tell you about the youngest contributor to the rally. He had

walked all day in the rain and mud because, as he put it, he just had to see "el Hermano Tomas"—Daddy. If I am not mistaken, he was about five years old and proudly contributed his meager wealth. Every bit of five cents! His father told me how God had saved them. They had been witch doctors before. I just wish every member of our church could have heard him telling me how he had thrown all his charms away. No one had told him they were wrong. He just automatically knew it when he arrived in his hut after accepting Christ. The little slant-eyed, barefooted boy sat on the edge of the bench, dangling his dirty little feet and listening attentively. Finally, he got up, pushed his way to the front, and sang for us in his own dialect. I could just go on like this endlessly, but I must tell you some other things.

In Sacapulas, a couple days later, we held a baptismal service. I sat on a rock on the edge of the river and played the portable organ while four Chiquimula Indians were baptized. Sacapulas is really hot, and by the time it was over, I was seeing stars. However, we then proceeded to a house with a large corridor and a big yard. There we held Bible classes and a children's class. That evening, another Indian couple from the Chiquimula tribe was married. It was rather humorous. These Indians really don't know the first thing about getting married and, as far as I know, only those who are believers have ever gone to the trouble of going through the marriage ceremony. Anyway, when time for the wedding came, we just couldn't find the bride. Everyone started searching the town. Eventually, she was discovered sitting complacently on some stairs, but by that time the groom had disappeared. I felt sorry for the poor pastor, but by and by he found the groom running around looking for his bride. I don't blame him for holding on to them firmly until he got them safely through the door of the intendencia. Their example inspired another couple. The pastor brought them here a few days ago from Llano Grande to arrange for their marriage. They seemed very happy about it after hiking about fifty miles to get here, soaked to the skin, with their baby. It all takes time, but we are making progress—definitely.

Last week we were in the Totoni-  
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# A Prayerful Life

By Mattie Pope Murray

These are perilous days in which we are living, and, of course, all realize they are getting worse all the while, so much so that it is getting harder to get right down to earnest prayer.

If our time is taken up with too many of the cares of life, it will hinder our prayer life. If there is a little thing in our way when we get down on our knees before God, the way will seem dark, and it will seem that God is nowhere in sight. Just the little things in our daily life that are out of place, both words and acts of conduct, will cloud our sky. They will stop up the channel and keep us from talking to Jesus as freely as we would like. Prayer is so needful and essential in these days of darkness and sin that we shouldn't let the channel get stopped up by these little things.

Prayer is a most wonderful privilege; it brings joy, power, and faith. There are so many wonderful things prayer can and will do for us if we live just right. It will help us overcome any situation that might come our way, and there are plenty of things coming our way if we live for God. He is going to have a tried people. Prayer will help us and keep us ready to be caught up at any moment Jesus should come in the air, and we do believe He is coming.

It was prayer and faith that closed the jaws of the lions when Daniel was put in the den with them. Prayer stopped the fire from burning the Hebrew children that were put in the heated furnace. Prayer opened the jail doors for Paul and Silas. Prayer, when nothing hinders us or stops up the channel, is a powerful experience.

I am so glad that we have a God that does answer prayer when the channel is clear. It is easy to keep it clear if we obey God and do the things He calls on us to do. So many experiences are promised to the overcomers who live humbly and prayerfully.

Get right down on your face and seek God in prayer. It means something He calls us to do. So Keep everything under the blood. God can and will come down in our services and bless every time we meet, if only we have lived a sweet, prayerful life. I could never make it if it wasn't for prayer. Prayer will keep all condemnation out. We must leave off the cares and things of this life in a greater way if we are as prayerful as we should be. The more often I get down on my face before God, the better I feel. He that riseth from prayer riseth a better man. It is wonderful to start the day off with prayer and close it the same way.

there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, . . . the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee."

You may make good at fooling people, but you can't fool God. There are people who do little things of harm and say, "My mother or dad did this, and surely they are in heaven." You don't have to stand before God for anyone but yourself. Some think we can do as we please if no one is looking, but we find that is not true. Luke 12:2, 3. "For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops." We should be very careful of our way of living. We should always think before we speak, or do anything. Not only God sees us; there are those unsaved who are watching our lives. Let us also think about the last day when we stand before the great white throne to be judged. Rev. 20:11-13, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."

## Trying To Hide

By Mrs. Tiny (Campbell) Greer

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord," Jer. 23:24.

The question is, Are you trying to hide? If so, why not think upon this verse? Our God knows everything you do or say. The church will not hide you from God; neither can you hide behind your pastor. There is a God in heaven who is looking over this universe with a searching eye, and He sees every mortal, whether or not he is in the open or trying to hide.

Psa. 139:1-12, "O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine up-

rising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassed my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even

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# American Education Week

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### PROGRAM OUTLINE

1. Prayer.
2. Song, "Let My Life Be a Light."
3. Song, "I Want My Life to Count for God."
4. Prayer.
5. Special music, "I'm a Debtor," or "Break Thou the Bread of Life."
6. Leader's Introductory Remarks, "Education Defined."
7. "Need of Education for Christian Service."
8. Flannel-board Talk, "Fulfilling Adam's Mission."
9. "What the Bible Has To Say Concerning Education."
10. "What Is the Church of God Doing To Promote Education?"
11. "What Can We Do About It?"
12. Song, "Send the Light."
13. Prayer.

### INTRODUCTION

This week has been set aside as National Education Week. From every pulpit, in every classroom, in every group discussion, education will be the outstanding theme.

So often we have heard the expression, "He certainly is an educated man," or, "Well, I'm sure he doesn't have any education." Let us think for a moment what would prompt us to make such a statement as that; on what basis have we made these statements?

Many people have thought of education in terms of degrees obtained in some college or the number of years one has spent in school. Yet many times we have considered a person educated and later discovered that he had spent very few years in school; or, just the opposite, very often we consider a person to have a small amount of education and later find that he has quite a few degrees to his credit. Thus we see that the word "education" must embody more than merely the number of years spent in school.

Education is:

1. The development of mental power, personal talent, and personality.

2. Building stores of knowledge.
3. Developing the sense of cultural values.
4. Training for citizenship.
5. Training for usefulness.
6. Training as wage earners.
7. Development of spiritual values.

Daniel Webster said, "Knowledge does not comprise all which is contained in the large terms of education. The feelings are to be disciplined; the passions are to be restrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. All this comprises Education."

We owe to God, to our fellow men and to ourselves to obtain just as broad an education as we possibly can. Through education we grasp insights into deeper spiritual understandings, and better social relationships, thus enabling us to live closer to God and more peaceable among our fellow men. As we learn from day to day, our minds are opened to greater truths; we are more able to appreciate God's handiwork, and as our minds develop, God is more able to reveal Himself and His will unto us. With increased mental powers, greater knowledge and wisdom, we will be able to present the gospel to the world in a manner in which they may readily understand and accept it.

This evening we are to consider the subject of "Education" as it relates to us, here in the (*name of local church*) Church of God. We have attempted to define for you our concept of education; we wish also to consider such questions as:

What is our need, as representatives of Christ, for a broad education?

What does the Bible have to say to us on this subject?

What is the Church of God doing today to promote education among its members and leaders? — *Margareto Poulos.*

### NEED OF EDUCATION FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Do you think a Church of God per-

son should be educated? If your answer to my question is "no," it is probably because you do not clearly understand what the word "education" means. Education is not the ability to use long words and high-sounding sentences; it is not that poison that will cause your spiritual life to dry up; it is not a substitute for the simple gospel of Jesus Christ: but education as has been pointed out, means, in its broadest sense, spiritual, mental, social, and physical progression and development. We are all interested in making the Church of God a bigger and better church. I believe education is one of several things that will make our church a better church.

The Bible says, in 1 Peter 3:15, "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Are we able to do as the scripture tells us? If we can not, then we should equip ourselves to be able to carry out the exhortation. James 1:5 says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." God is willing to do His part, if we will do our part.

Satan is working hard. He is using every means possible to lead the old and the young deeper into sin. Should not we, as holiness people, use every means possible to lead the old and young into a deeper knowledge of Christ? Education will help us to reach the lost because the educated person is better prepared to present the gospel to both the rich and the poor. So often we stress the fact that the poor and ignorant people need the gospel, but do not the learned and educated people need the gospel as well? Christ's gospel is for all men, and Christ preached to all classes of people. Jesus knew how to deal with a poor, ignorant fisherman like Peter; and He also knew how to deal with Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. We, as disciples of Christ and fishers of



men, also need to be able to deal with all classes of people.

We need to know and understand men and women. Why do people sin? The devil causes them to sin, of course, but why do people yield to the devil? Why are some people poor and others rich? Why do some people get along well with others while other people quarrel with one another? The student of education studies such problems as I have mentioned. Are they not practical ones? Jesus knew men and women, and because He understood them, He knew how to help them and serve them. If we understood people better, we would be able to help them and could serve them in a greater way.

Young people especially need to be educated. It was Daniel who said that knowledge would be increased. It is obvious that his words are being fulfilled in our very eyes. The last twenty-five years have brought great increases in all fields of knowledge. Before one can teach today, he is required to study sixteen years. Before one can practice medicine, he is required to prepare twenty-one years. Are we to give greater value to the development of the mind and the body than we do to the care of the soul? Are we young people going to let God down by being unprepared to meet the situation? Let us all, as Church of God people, broaden our field of knowledge and learn everything we can about anything that will in some way help us to spread the good news of salvation from sin.—Robert Humbertson.

#### FULFILLING ADAM'S MISSION

*Have your flannel-board ready, with a mountain scene in which a rapid stream of water is flowing. First girl, about fourteen to sixteen years of age, takes her place as first speaker.*

In Genesis 1:28, God gave to Adam a threefold command. Part of this command Adam started to fulfill immediately, but what part of this command has mankind failed to do as yet?

God said to replenish the earth, and man has done this. We find many children upon the earth today. *(Place a group of children, playing, down in one corner.)* He also said to have dominion over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Man has accomplished much along this line. You know how man controls a horse many times larger than himself, with a pair of lines. *(Place a horse, with a man*

*driving him, in another corner.)* Man has learned to use animal life for food, clothing, and to make it even do his work for him.

I wonder if Adam ever stood *(place a man dressed in skins looking at the stream of water)* and looked at a raging stream and wondered how God intended for him to subdue it. He could not put a rope of grass around it, or jump upon it and nothing he knew to do would control it. Perhaps at night when the cold wind blew upon him, he wondered the same thing about the wind. Adam could not use the water power, the power of the air, the heat from the sun, or the new atomic power. Yet, God said for him to subdue the earth.

How has God allowed us to subdue these parts of the earth that man knows so little about?

*First girl takes pictures off the flannel-board and takes seat. Second girl, about the same age, speaks.*

When man first started to control the earth, I imagine one of his first experiments was with his crops. At first, the seed fell wherever it happened to fall, growing up in thick



patches, only to choke itself out. *(Place a picture of a group of some wild plant growing.)* As man watched this, he found that the plants which happened to be farther apart did better; therefore, he started to thin out his crop. *(Place a picture of crops thinned out.)* Man continued to learn from experience for many years, which he related to his children.

When he had gained a knowledge of writing, he put these experiences into writing for others to read and use to subdue the earth. *(Place a picture of a book up in one corner.)*

Man's first attempt to control the water, perhaps, was riding a log down stream as a means of travel. *(Place a man riding down stream on a log.)* This knowledge enabled him to build a boat. Down through the ages, man has studied the water, realizing that there was great potential power, if he only knew how to subdue it. Today they have that power controlled so that they can light up the country with it, run large factories, etc. *(Place a picture of a large city lighted up.)* Do you see God's command being fulfilled in this? Yes, man is learning to subdue the earth. But how could he

have ever learned to do this without books? *(point to the book)* and without teachers to tell him what the books meant? Yes, God wants educated people who will dedicate themselves to His work of subduing the earth, and helping to give to man a more abundant life.

*Second girl takes her picture off the flannel-board and takes seat.*

#### WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY CONCERNING EDUCATION

Isa. 33:6, "And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure."

#### WHAT IS EDUCATION?

Webster defines education as "the discipline of mind or character through study or instruction." The Christian's main duty in life is to develop a character that will enable his influence to count to its greatest extent for God. To a Christian, therefore, a well-balanced education is indispensable.

Education may be said to consist of two main elements—KNOWLEDGE and WISDOM. Knowledge is the acquaintance with, or knowing facts. Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge to meet successfully the emergencies of life.

#### WHY IS EDUCATION IMPORTANT?

God's Word has nothing but praise for those who seek wisdom and knowledge. Peter (2 Peter 1:5) places knowledge third (after faith and virtue) on his list of "musts" for the Christian. Solomon tells us that "the prudent are crowned with knowledge," Prov. 14:18, and that "wise men lay up knowledge," Prov. 10:14. He also tells us to "take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life," Prov. 4:13. Paul tells Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," 2 Tim. 2:15.

We have not only the Word of God, to show us the necessity of study, but also the example of the Son of God. We read in Isa. 11:2, a prophetic description of Christ, that "the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, . . . the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." Jesus spent His life on earth teaching men concerning His kingdom. It is said that on nineteen different occasions, He sat down and taught one scholar.

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# Reports

## FROM THE FIELD

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### Every Department Blessed

LEXINGTON, N. C.—Greetings in Jesus' name. We are very happy to report for the Church at Lexington.

Sunday morning, September 29, 1946, in our Sunday School, we broke all previous records. We had 145. We have a wonderful Sunday School, and what makes it so good, each Sunday morning we see new faces.

Not only is our Sunday School growing, but we can truthfully say that every department of our church is progressing under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. R. W. Doolittle, and we are really praising the Lord for him and his good wife.

We have a good L.W.W.B. We have just bought some new furniture for our parsonage.

We had our first broadcast Sunday evening, after which we had a baptismal service. Six followed in water baptism. Sunday night, one joined the church.

Pray for the church at Lexington, that God will continue to bless. Our desire is for our church to be a soul-saving station.—Mildred Williams, reporter, 211 Foy Ave.

### West Virginia Ministers' Meetings

October 3, 4, the ministers' of West Virginia met at the Beckley church for their annual meeting. Our new state overseer, Paul H. Walker, was on the job with some plans that were, for the most part, adopted as presented. About one hundred ministers were present. We were happy to have our former overseer, Rev. J. L. Goins, present. During the evening service, we were greatly blessed with a wonderful sermon by Rev. D. C. Boatwright, overseer of Virginia. We are expecting great things for West Virginia this year.—Ray Morgan, Beckley, W. Va.

### New Mexico Ministers' Meeting

Our ministers' meeting convened in Roswell, October 2, 3. The power of God was present, and were made to sit together, with the glory of God flooding our souls.

On Wednesday night, our overseer blessed our souls with a wonderful message. On Thursday morning, the ministers' conference was called to order. I have attended quite a number of ministers' meetings, but I have never seen the ministers so filled with love for each other. How they greeted one another! It made me feel at home. What a spirit of unity prevailed! We have a fine group of ministers to work with in New Mexico.

The conference closed Thursday night with the writer being the last speaker. When the power of God began to fall, I felt at home. I love for the Holy Ghost to take charge.—H. E. Ramsey, Tucumcari, N. Mex.

### Last \$5,000 Note Being Burned

August 4, 1946, was a glorious day for the Church of God in Columbia, South Carolina. Five years ago the present pastor, Rev. Edwin M. Mortenson, accepted the pastorate of this church, when still was being circulated, "Columbia is one church that will never be debt free."

God has wonderfully blessed the church in the last five years. Over five hundred broadcasts have been given from station WCOS. Besides this, the church property has been improved about \$5,000, over 110 members taken into the church, and an

average in Sunday School this past year of 218. Many souls have been won to Christ and the church has wide influence in the City, the pastor having received letters of commendation concerning the work from the Governor of South Carolina, also the City Council of Columbia, S. C.

The church has a nice auditorium seating 500 people, seven Sunday School rooms, men and ladies' rest rooms, and a ladies' lounge, and beside the church is a beautiful seven-room solid brick parsonage with hardwood floors throughout, and said by the State Overseer to be nearly as nice as the state parsonage. The members are justifiably proud of it.

Below is seen the State Overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, holding the note of final payment which is being burned; the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin M. Mortenson, the church council—Brothers J. W. Cooke, Henry Griffon, Z. N. Ellison, W. C. Wright, Lonnie H. Shull, R. R. Sturkie and Willie McKnight.

Present this day, as a special guest speaker, was Mr. W. C. Bockman, General Manager of Radio Station WCOS, also member of the Advisory Committee of the Blue Network for the Eastern District. His was a very inspiring message concerning educating the people in religion, which he thinks the Church of God has been trying to do, over their radio station, the past four years.

Also featured was the Southern Joy Quartet, of Greenville, S. C.

The dedicatory message was delivered by the State Overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp.—R. R. Sturkie, clerk.



Columbia, S. C. Church Dedicates Debt Free Property

## BIBLE GLINTS

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gram, and its spirituality.

The Congress was a success in organization. I believe the Lord can inspire a plan as well as give the minister a message. There is no doubt in my mind that the Lord inspired the general plan, and He will inspire our youth to carry it out. The Youth Congress is only an infant. It may change; certainly it will grow; yet it will retain the spirit that gave it birth.

It is in the spirit and unity of so many who see a common need in our Church of organizing the boundless energy of our youth and directing that energy into channels where it will be the most useful for Christ and His kingdom on earth, that I see the seeds of enduring success in the National Youth Congress. As long as so many continue to see this need and determine to do something about it, so long will the Youth Congress function. So long as the democratic spirit of our youth is given the free reign of self-expression to speak from their consciences, and not be crucified for it; so long as men see truth in different lights and concede to each other the right to express that truth without fear of being ostracized; so long as we maintain the right to change our minds when light is starring us in the face and when truth is stronger than creed, and our conscience henceforth is molded by the truth instead of dogma, **JUST SO LONG WILL OUR YOUTH GO FORWARD.** But when dogma holds more sway over our lives than truth, and when we slip into a place that we desire to look backward instead of forward, and when we find more security in the pastures of Egypt than we do in the vineyards of Canaan, and when we fear to face the future full in the face, or have reactionary tendencies in coping with the finding of scientific truths, then it is time to change the name of our **YOUTH CONGRESS.**

The purpose of our Youth Congress is spiritual and not political. We are aware that this is 1946, and we feel that we do not have to compromise the gospel of A. D. 5 to adjust it to this age. We believe, rather, in trying to adjust the age to the gospel. The most modern truth of all time is the ancient writings of the "holy men of old" who were moved upon by the Spirit of Truth.

The Congress is primarily the re-

sult of a sorely needed plan to organize our own talent; to sponsor Christian journalism, missions, evangelism, education, and other things of this nature. Our leaders saw this need and organized study groups under each heading to make recommendations to the Congress. I listened as the Congress adopted these resolutions wholeheartedly. How can such an organization fail? How can it fail to enlist the full support of every Christian saint whose interest is the spreading of the kingdom on earth. Where can the kingdom of God find more ardent support, more energy, and more influence than in the hearts of earth's youth.

**THERE ARE MOMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH THAT MARK AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE A NATION. DEAR LORD, LET THIS HAVE BEEN OUR MOMENT.**

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

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capan and Quezaltenango departments. Dad and I went to the funeral of a little Indian girl who died in Olinstepeque. It all seemed very crude compared to our own funerals, but it certainly was an improvement. Instead of having a public feast, as Indians usually do, they had a service and then marched sedately through the town to the cemetery. There was not a trace of liquor or tobacco on the place. I remarked to Daddy, as we followed the tiny wooden box, that it certainly was grand to see all these Indians, all Christians, all our brethren—and what a wonderful, almost unbelievable change.

Next, the fiesta in Totonicapán was on and so we went over for the special services. Our big church was taxed to its capacity and it was just wonderful to be there. I couldn't count them all, but I am sure there were at least 800 there. God really blessed, too. It resembled our annual conference at Chucaca and Pentecost all over again.

About our classes—My correspondence students are doing fine. They tell me that the lessons have helped them a lot. I even had to smile at a letter I received from one brother asking for the course. He said, "For the love of God, send me those lessons!" Another young man who is taking the course and teaching it to the whole youth group in his village, sent a desperate message asking what should he do when he ran out of

the Scripture verses in Personal Evangelism and that his class was learning so fast he didn't think he had enough material. Well, I'll be glad when Luther brings a mimeograph, because it will make things a lot easier and faster. This is Sister Furman's typewriter and I don't know what I shall do when she returns, if I can't find one soon. I am also teaching a class here in Quiche. They are progressing better than I could have hoped for. In fact, they have nearly finished Personal Evangelism and doing very well on Teacher-Training. I am using my B. T. S. textbooks and translating all my own material. After they have finished Personal Evangelism, we shall start on Old Testament. I am holding children's classes here and in Chichicastenango once a week, also.

Daddy left this morning for Sacapulas. We are purchasing a lot there to build a church. The brethren have agreed to donate their labor, and we hope to have it well under way as soon as the rains stop. Incidentally, Brother Furman has told us that you and Brother Walker plan to visit us around Chucaca time. We are wondering if one of you, or both of you, could come about fifteen days earlier and go with us to the mountains. You see, people who rush through here, see a few of our larger churches, but don't see near all of the work. It is just impossible to cover all the territory in a few days, and I believe that you would really understand our work here and appreciate our problems more if you could go over at least part of it with us. I know Brother Hoggatt has the whole coast and he will want to take you there, and Brother Furman has the other part, and we have this. I know you won't be able to cover all of it even then, but I am getting in my request first and I believe you would enjoy it, too. I almost hesitate to even ask it because I know you are so busy, but it really would mean a lot to us and to your understanding of our work if you could come about fifteen days before Chucaca. I am sure Brother Walker would like it, too.

The Guatemalan Government has decided they will let me reside in this country for awhile, but my passport is still in relaciones exteriores. I'm fortunate, because some Americans have been trying for a year to obtain that permission.

Sincerely, Dorothy Pullin.



# ... TESTIMONIES ...

## His Healing Is Real

God saved me about sixteen years ago, sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Later, the doctor said I had sugar diabetes and couldn't be cured. I went to the One who never fails (Jesus) and He healed my body. At another time, my daughter developed milk leg. Two doctors came and said all I could do was keep an ice bag on her leg and give her dope to keep her easy. The pastor at East Chattanooga came and prayed for her. God wonderfully healed her, and one hour later she was walking; though her leg had not even been moved for a week, only when someone else moved it. I know His healing is real.—Mrs. W. A. Brock.

## Praise God For His Healing

ATLANTA, Ga.—Sometime ago, I had a request in the Evangel for prayer for my brother whose mind was bad. He could not remember anything. He was sent to the hospital for the insane. I went to see him and he did not know me. I began begging God to heal him and give him his right mind back, and asked other Christians to help me pray for him to be saved and healed. I also wrote Brother L. G. Rouse to pray for him, which he did, and sent me an anointed handkerchief. Now, I am thanking and praising God for hearing and answering our prayers. I called up and asked about my brother, and they said, "His mind is as good as it ever was."

Oh, how I thank God for His goodness and mercy, and for His saving and healing power, bless His name. He said in His Word that He would never leave us nor forsake us. I am so glad I learned to trust Him. Please pray for my lost loved ones.—Mrs. Olga Bagwell, 500 Glen Iris Drive, N. E.

## His Healing Power Is Wonderful

CHILDERSBURG, Ala.—I am praising God this morning for His wonderful healing power. He is precious to my soul.

I have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost for almost four years. I have trusted God most of the time for my healing and He

has healed me many times. I praise His holy name.

He healed me one time when doctors could do me no good. It pays to trust Him. The Bible says, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man," Psalm 118:8.

I know He wants His children to trust Him for we find in the fifth chapter of James, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

I desire the prayers of all the praying people that I will grow stronger and always do His will.—Mary Huston, Box 37.

## I Am Going To Travel On

WEATHERFORD, Tex.—I am praising God for redeeming my soul. He wonderfully filled me with the Holy Ghost almost three years ago. Hallelujah. Something really got hold of me for I was deep in sin. Praise the Lord, He spoke to me and told me I had some digging up to do, so I got busy. I stayed out in the woods and prayed until I settled it all. Glory to God! I came back into the house and told my husband about everything I had done wrong against him. I wasn't only doing him wrong, but I was disloyal to God. I was so happy when he said I had done more than any one he knew of—telling everything—but the Lord was with me. Glory to His name!

Dear readers, I am not ashamed of my Savior, and I tell everyone about how sweet He is, and has been to me. Praise the Lord. Now, I am being rebuked for being a Church of God believer, but Jesus suffered persecutions. If I ask anything in Jesus' name, I receive it, praise the Lord. I had been down for about a year, off and on. I would get better at times. The last time I had a bad spell, I sent my little boy to tell Sister E. E. Long, a neighbor, to come and pray for me. She is a Church of God saint. She came and we had prayer. The Lord

really healed me. Hallelujah! I got up and began to do my housework. The old devil would try to make me think I didn't get my healing, but I would say, "Not so, Devil," and the victory would come. I haven't been sick and in bed since. Praise God!

I have twin girls, and one of them had poison oak on her face and in her eye. I laid the Evangel on her one night, and prayed, and by the next morning, nearly all the swelling was out of her eyes and the redness was almost gone. Thank God and praise His wonderful name!

I am the only one out of twelve children who believes in the Church of God. I like to walk this straight and narrow way. I used to think I couldn't go anywhere without painting up like a movie star, but, oh, it looked awful to me now! I have pulled my ring off, and fixed my hair like a saint should. Again, I ask for the prayers of the dear saints of the Church of God, as I have such a hard road to travel, being the only one who believes this good way, but I will not turn back. I am going to travel on. Glory to God!—Mrs. Effie R. McBryde, Rt. 4.

## How Good He Is to Me

FORT GARY, W. Va.—Greetings to the Church of God in Jesus' dear name. I really praise God for His great blessing to my soul. I praise God because I feel I am a child of God. I praise Him because He keeps me each day.

One day in the year of 1944, I was making jelly. I had an eleven-year-old girl staying with me, and she and I were alone. I had a large pan on the stove. The girl was out trying to drive a nail and I went out to help her and I heard the jelly boiling over. We came to the kitchen door, and caught on fire. There was no one to call for help. I said, "Well, the house is gone." The child started to try to find help. I said, "O God, help me," and, glory to God, the fire went out. I called the child. She said it was just to make her believe in God.

Oh, how good He is to me. He has healed my body so many times. I know I have been called to His work, but the devil has put so many things up. I went back into the world after God gave me the Holy Ghost, and I haven't the power I once had, and my faith is not strong. I want to get strong with God. I've been back with God over eleven years.—Mrs. Virgie Only, Rt. 1, Box 207.

## TELL IT TO THE GENERATION FOLLOWING

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of changing the children and the youth of the nation. Such intentional change is called *formal education*. It may be good or bad, according to the means employed and the ends sought. (May I insert here this observation: the Sunday school may have good ends but seek them by poor means. And certainly the ends sought by the schools of Hitler's Germany were evil, but the means were most effective.)

In the other type of education which we distinguish from *formal education*, there is no consciously defined end and the means of education, *i. e.*, experience, are uncontrolled. Incidental or accidental changes come from the child's experiences on the street, at play, at work, in the marketplace. But these undirected changes are educational no less truly than are the changes which occur "on purpose" under the control of the school. These changes comprise *informal education*. Again, this education may be good or bad—it is always effective.

I am reminded of the minister's daughter, a girl of perhaps ten years, who used a slang word in the presence of her father. The father bargained with her for a dime never to use the word again. A few days later the girl came running to her father's study in great excitement. "O Daddy, Daddy!" she said, "Now I've a word that's worth a quarter!"

Yes, this word was hers by education no less truly than the scripture she had learned that week in Sunday School.

But there's a third type of education formal or informal. This has come to great prominence in recent years and exerts appalling influence upon our lives. I refer to *propaganda*. *Propaganda* is a subtle direction of the learner's experience to certain ends desired by the manipulator without the learner's awareness of such control. Experiences which seem casual to the learner have been planned by the agent of some organization or the apostle of some ideology, and quite unconsciously the learner is educated or conditioned to standards or practices towards which formerly he was either indifferent or antagonistic.

Such modern developments as the press, movie and radio readily lend themselves to propaganda, and so educationally effective have they become that they now challenge the

church, and school as character-forming forces.

Briefly to review this first division of message: Man is a learner. His nature changes with experience. These changes constitute education and occur under conditions as follows:

1. Controlled by recognized agencies of society organized for *formal education*:

2. Undirected, in which chance experiences yield changes without design to constitute *informal education*:

3. Apparently undirected, but in fact manipulated by careful design to influence the unsuspecting learner, thus prostituting education to *propaganda*.

### II. WHAT IS MAN?

The areas of human personality which are affected by education (*i. e.*, changed by experience) are three: Intellect, temperament, and conduct.

In simple illustration of these three aspects of personality, recall your first visit to Niagara Falls. Your initial reaction is undoubtedly one of awe and wonder, if not ecstasy, called forth by the beauty and grandeur of the spectacle. Movement, form, color, magnitude and sound all combine to thrill your being. This initial experience is thus primarily one of feeling or emotion, expressive of your temperament.

But you have previously studied geography, or perhaps geology, and certain facts soon command your attention. You note the rock strata of the cliff wall opposite you, one stratum projecting as a ledge beyond other strata; another stratum receding from its upper and nether neighbors to form a cavern. These variations you explain by assuming different degrees of solubility and erosion rates among the rock strata. You observe the tumbled rocks at the foot of the Falls, which speak to you of the slow but invincible effect of the water's constant action, and you speculate on the geologic ages during which by such action the gorge has been chiseled to its present stage, and you estimate the future ages during which the precipice will slowly recede until the lake above is reached and drained. You search in your memory for the remains of that course in geology, attempting to decide which type of geologic catastrophe therein studied best explains the origin of Niagara Falls. By now, your emotional thrill to the beauty of the Falls has subsided to a secondary level, yielding primacy to your effort to comprehend

or understand Niagara Falls. Your intellect, not your temperament, is now in the saddle.

But you are of a practical turn, and emotional thrill and intellectual quest have not exhausted your reactions to Niagara Falls. Watching the plunge of vast volumes of water over the precipice to the floor of the gorge, you think of the tremendous energy thus released, which, if harnessed in the service of man, would illuminate cities and turn the wheels of commerce and industry. Incipiently, then, you move to capture Niagara's force. If you are an engineer, this impulse may lead to final expression in building water turbines and electric generators. Action or conduct is the normal outcome or expression of thought and feeling.

Thus it is that thought, feeling and action dominate your conscious existence and your relationships to experience, the balance among the three shifting from moment to moment. In each area education (*i. e.*, change through experience) occurs:

1. Thinking about the world in an effort to know and explain it;

2. Feeling about the world in terms of values as good or bad, pleasant or painful, beautiful or ugly;

3. Doing something to change the world by directing one's energies intelligently upon it.

Which of these three areas of personality measures a man's worth among his fellows? What is the measure of a man; What he knows? How he feels? or, What he does? The answer is clear: it matters little to society what one thinks or how one feels so long as what one does meets society's standards.

But another question follows: If conduct thus measures the man, which explains conduct, intellect or temperament? Does man act according to knowledge, or according to desire? This is a question of great significance to education. The outcomes of education are sought in conduct or action, but is conduct prompted primarily by intellectual, or by emotional factors?

Until recent years, the answer to this question has stressed the intellect as the prime and all but sole factor in the determination of conduct and character. Those of us this side of fifty in age were reared in the classical tradition that "knowledge is virtue." According to this viewpoint, teaching the child the rules of right will guarantee his doing right.

This domination of intellectualism

in the field of education a quarter century ago was reflected, for example, in a prominent psychologist's declaration that inasmuch as intellect controls temperament, the knowledge of a child's intellectual status as measured by intelligence tests is sufficient for all practical purposes of child guidance; and the president of a distinguished college in his inaugural address in 1922 pleaded for an aristocracy of brains and the rule of the intellectual superman, advocating the reconstruction of society on the basis of an intellectual caste system as rigid as the social caste system of India. And this was some years before Roosevelt's "brain trust"!

About this same time intellectualism's grip on human engineering was being weakened by various influences we have not time here to review. But for a quarter-century now education has been shifting from such static intellectualism to the dynamism of emotional drives as the explanation of conduct. Reason is no longer regarded as the master of desire, but as the servant of desire—a mere instrument for attaining the ends of impulse, appetite, and passion. One of our moderns, in line with the new dynamism, declares that reason has no more claim to dignity as a means of reaching truth than has a pig's snout. Today man is interpreted as the victim of his visceral itchings and cravings on the battleground of his glands.

Socrates was wrong, and likewise wrong are those who have followed his dictum. Knowledge is not virtue, but it is power. The greater the knowledge, the greater the power for evil if the heart is wicked. H. G. Wells once characterized history as a race between education and disaster. He spoke a dangerous half-truth, for education of the wrong kind spells speedier disaster than does ignorance. Herbert Spencer long ago declared that to educate reason without changing desire is to place high-powered guns in the hands of savages.

The modern intellect has uncovered nature's secrets, bringing vast power under human control. The direction of this power to right ends places a strain on moral character which in its present debility it is too feeble to bear. Hence that pall of fear which now hangs over all civilization. Will the power of the atom, now released by man's intellectual conquest of nature, be directed to human welfare or to the destruction of civilization itself?

self?

To put the issue in other terms: Intellectualism has given man great power by its unlocking the secrets of nature's forces, but the new dynamism, with its emphasis on the urgency of organic desire, has robbed man of an ethic for the direction of this power.

Both the earlier intellectualistic interpretation of human character and the present dynamistic view are fatalistic, denying to man the power of moral creatorship. Intellectualism is the fatalism of heredity which rigidly sets the limit of intelligence and determines conduct accordingly. Dynamism, on the other hand, is the fatalism of environment which enmeshes man in the grip of his glands as they are "conditioned" by what happens to him.

Man's view of man in any age powerfully influences what man will become. Explaining himself in terms of intellect bound by heredity, he finds no place for moral responsibility. Then follows the riot of naturalism—Let us eat, drink and be merry! Education guided by either view of man falls infinitely short of meeting the true nature and needs of man. That modern education has failed is only too apparent.

Note a few evidences of education's failures:

The FBI reports: A criminal army of six million; 543,862 arrests for major crimes in 1945; nearly ten assaults and murders each hour; ten persons raped every hour; on the day Susanne Degnan was slain by a sex criminal here in Chicago, there were 109 other sex crimes including forty cases of rape; twenty-one per cent of all arrests are minors; seventeen-year-olds, the largest group, with eighteen-year-olds next.

From another source, we have this comparison between 1944 and 1945:

In 392 cities, increases in crimes were as follows (1945 over 1944): Murder 4.3 per cent; rape 9 per cent; robbery 10 per cent; assault 10 per cent; burglary 11.3 per cent.

In rural areas, increases more appalling: murder 14 per cent; rape 22.5 per cent; robbery 14 per cent; assault 29.5 per cent; burglary 14.7 per cent.

Our ratio of divorces to marriages had doubled in a generation before the recent war, and is now four times what it was fifty years ago. In 1915, here in Chicago, the ratio of divorces to marriages was one to seven, in 1945,

one to three. For the nation, in 1945, there was one divorce to every four marriages, and it is predicted that for 1946 the ratio will be one divorce to every three marriages.

Well has someone said that America has a "perennial carnival of crime"! And the increasing youthfulness of our criminal army is one of the sensational social phenomena of America! The average age of criminals has dropped from thirty-five years in 1900 to nineteen years in 1945!

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ship in the church should, above all, heed the admonition to study, "For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law of his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts," Mal. 2:7.

### HOW SHOULD WE SEEK KNOWLEDGE?

Of course, we all agree that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," Prov. 9:10a, but we must not stop there. David prays, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom," Psalm 90:12. The time is short; life is a brief span; we have little time to work. Solomon tells his son, "Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears unto the words of knowledge," Prov. 23:12; "How much better it is to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!" Prov. 16:16.

What are the rewards of seeking knowledge?

The rewards for obeying God's commands by seeking knowledge are many. Wisdom brings happiness (Prov. 3:13), long life and peace (Prov. 3:2), riches and honor (Prov. 3:16), and safety (Prov. 3:26). What more could we want?

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars, forever and ever," Dan. 12:3.—Priscilla Odom.

### WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF GOD DOING TO PROMOTE EDUCATION?

Following World War I, there was a great national awakening to the need of education. Hundreds of thousands of young people who had never before been interested in or felt the need for high school training flocked into our public high schools. By the time World War II descended upon



us, a high school education had become the minimum standard for the ambitious boys and girls of our nation.

Now, a new awakening is upon us, a bigger and greater educational awakening, promoted by our government and the sentiment of the American people. The close of World War II has brought the greatest enrollment in our colleges and universities that has ever been in man's history. Never before has it happened on such a scale. And the thing that interests you and me is that the Church of God has also joined in this great crusade. The leaders of the Church want each of us to become more interested in education.

Our Church has established a high school and junior college. It is doing much to encourage its members and ministers to take advantage of these opportunities. Our young people are going from graduation from our junior college to the best colleges and universities in our nation. The Church is aiding and encouraging them to go. Our educational work is growing. We have purchased Bob Jones College that we might have a bigger and better plant to house our school, that more and more of our young people may get an education. We are becoming more and more aware of the need for a broad program of reading and planned home-study for our ministers on the field.

Let us everyone reconsecrate ourselves to the task before us. Let us tonight pledge our best moral and financial support to this great forward move and to the Church we love so well.—E. M. Tapley.

#### WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

In summary, we see that education is:

1. The development of mental power, personal talent, and personality.
2. Building stores of knowledge.
3. Developing the sense of cultural values.
4. Training for citizenship.
5. Training for usefulness.
6. Training as wage earners.
7. Development of spiritual values.

Christian living and service requires the highest development possible in all of these.

If this, then, be education, and if it be essential to the maximum usefulness of a Christian life, what should be our attitude toward it? What can we do about it? (*Have a general discussion. The following are suggestive answers to the question.*)

#### I. STUDY

1. In school.
2. At home.
3. In local church study groups.

#### II. SUPPORT THE CHURCH'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

1. By participation in the program.
2. Financially—
  - a. Student Loan Fund.
  - b. Helping individuals to further their education.
3. Using our influence in favor of educational projects.

#### Prepare To Meet Thy God

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It takes a man or woman of courage to confess their faults and make restitution. Christ said, "Confess your faults one to another." If we have wronged anyone, we must make it right before Jesus comes or we will be left behind. "Pray one for another." Do good to them who would hurt you. That takes a great deal of Christian grace; but I am persuaded that we need to be so saturated with the love of God that we do love our enemies so much we could only do them good. That is really a high standard. Don't be like a sponge, soaking up all it can get; but be like the pitcher, full and running over; not running low on the supply, because God is continually pouring in more from heaven's boundless supply.

Too many of us have allowed our lives to be drained of all its spiritual enthusiasm. Yes, if you are really honest with yourself, you will have to admit it. Are you as much on fire for God as you were the day you were saved, or the day you received the Baptism? If you were anything like me, I couldn't keep my seat. I just simply couldn't keep quiet; I had to tell everyone. Yes, when those good old revival days were in our mission

on Broad Street, no one could keep the young people quiet. They fought the forces of atheism in the school; they wrote boldly, refuting it on examination papers. They sang Zion's songs on the streets, in the street-cars. They covered the town with tracts, with personal hand-shakes. They were all tried, but everyone knew about the revival. We can't work up a revival, but we can pray one down. A genuine revival is not something that disappears overnight, but it lingers in the minds of those who were there, for the rest of their lives.

I believe when we, as a church, get down on our faces before God, and admit, like the prophets of old, that we have sinned and departed from the faith of our fathers; when we get down to business with God, not for ten minutes, or half an hour, but like Jesus, David, Elijah, and others, until the assurance that our prayers are answered, and like the Day of Pentecost, when our thoughts are controlled by God's thoughts, then, and then only, shall we have a real widespread Holy Ghost revival. The glory of heaven will so fill the place that the ministers will have a holiday. Just as God blessed at the dedication of Solomon's Temple, He can bless today. Then, and then only, shall we be found ready and watching for His coming. I believe the Lord is just waiting for us to mean business, for I read that He is more willing to give than we are to receive. Let us pledge ourselves to make ready to meet Him, and pray for a real revival.

Many people seem to think submission to be a good thing, but seem also to think it is only for the other fellow.

Submission looks as if it were carrying us under the bottom but it will take us over the top in time.

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